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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Tomohiro KONDO et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 29, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows: